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Attention: Draft Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of  
Norovirus Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Healthcare Settings

Dear Ms. King,

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to respond to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention request for comments on the Draft Guideline for the Prevention of Norovirus Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Healthcare settings.

The draft guidelines are comprehensive and provide well researched supporting documentation of the proposed recommendations. The Department has reviewed the draft document and would appreciate consideration of our recommendations in the final document. Our comments and recommendations are provided in the attached table.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Emily Lutterloh, Director of the Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control Program at [ec102@health.state.ny.us](mailto:ec102@health.state.ny.us) or 518 474-1142.

Sincerely,

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